

MICHIGAN COUNSELOR LICENSING GUIDE

ELIGIBILITY FOR COUNSELOR LICENSE BY EXAMINATION (first license)

- Graduate from a counseling program that is accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP) or the Council on Rehabilitation Education (CORE) OR 1) Graduate with a master's degree in a counseling or student personnel work program of at least 48 semester hours or 72 quarter hours that includes studies in career development, consulting, counseling techniques, counseling theories, counseling philosophy, group techniques, professional ethics, research methodology, multicultural counseling, testing procedures and assessment, practicum, and at least 600 hours of supervised internship.
- Complete at least 3,000 hours of supervised post-graduate counseling experience under the supervision of a licensed professional counselor who received training in the function of counseling supervision in not less than a 2 year period. If the hours are completed in Michigan, a limited license must be held while accruing the experience. If the applicant has completed 30 semester hours or 45 quarter hours beyond the master's degree in counseling or student personnel work, the required number of supervised hours is reduced to 1,500 in not less than a 1 year period
- Pass the national counselor exam developed by the National Board for Certified Counselors OR pass the certification examination developed and scored by the Commission on Rehabilitation Counselor Certification.
- Arrange for submission of verification of licensure in any state where licensed, even if the license is no longer active.
- Submit the Counselor by Examination application found at http://www.michigan.gov/lara/0,4601,7-154-27417_27529_27536---,00.html with the \$115 fee.
- Submit a Professional Disclosure Statement that includes all of the information indicated in the application instructions.
- A fingerprint report and criminal background check are required if not previously taken for a Michigan health care license. Fingerprints must be taken using the instructions and ID numbers that are sent to the applicant after the license application and fee are received.

ELIGIBILITY FOR COUNSELOR LICENSE BY ENDORSEMENT (currently licensed in another state)

- Arrange for submission of verification of licensure in any state or province where licensed, even if the license is no longer active.
- Submit the Counselor by Endorsement application found at http://www.michigan.gov/lara/0,4601,7-154-27417_27529_27536---,00.html with the \$115 fee.
- Submit a Professional Disclosure Statement that includes all of the information indicated in the application instructions.

- A fingerprint report and criminal background check are required. Fingerprints must be taken using the instructions and ID numbers that are sent to the applicant after the license application and fee are received.
- If licensed in another state for less than five years, must also meet educational, post-graduate experience, and examination requirements listed above under License by Examination.

ELIGIBILITY FOR A LIMITED COUNSELOR LICENSE

- Meet the same educational requirements listed under License by Examination.
- Submit the Limited License Counselor application found at http://www.michigan.gov/lara/0,4601,7-154-27417_27529_27536---,00.html with the \$80 fee.
- Submit a Professional Disclosure Statement that includes all of the information indicated in the application instructions. There are specific requirements for the Statement that must be submitted with the Limited Counselor application.
- A fingerprint report and criminal background check are required. Fingerprints must be taken using the instructions and ID numbers that are sent to the applicant after the license application and fee are received.